

National Physician Survey, 2007. Results for Clinical Specialists - Internal Medicine.

Q24. What do you see as major impediments to your delivery of care to your patients? Please check all that apply.

		Internal Medicine Specialists											Total n=1713 N=5250
		Cardio n=218 N=708	Endo Met n=101 N=308	Gastro n=134 N=429	Geriat n=72 N=216	Hema n=81 N=245	Immun n=37 N=109	IntMed n=575 N=1687	MedOnc n=89 N=279	Nephro n=125 N=383	Respir n=182 N=579	Rheuma n=99 N=306	
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Impediments to your delivery of care to your patients	System funding	61.3%	54.9%	69.5%	65.6%	66.5%	53.4%	55.0%	75.7%	48.9%	67.7%	67.6%	60.7%
	Payment mechanisms	25.8%	27.7%	16.4%	39.8%	16.8%	15.5%	18.2%	16.5%	14.9%	26.7%	40.7%	22.3%
	Paperwork	30.5%	43.0%	27.5%	26.7%	40.6%	41.7%	38.6%	49.1%	33.8%	38.4%	59.7%	38.0%
	Bureaucracy	34.5%	39.8%	43.6%	39.6%	37.4%	38.5%	45.6%	57.2%	48.1%	50.1%	53.1%	44.5%
	Availability of personnel	50.6%	46.9%	46.5%	67.6%	64.3%	38.3%	44.3%	70.8%	54.5%	60.1%	43.0%	51.1%
	External demands on your time	41.1%	50.2%	41.8%	55.9%	55.2%	52.8%	41.4%	55.2%	51.0%	50.0%	61.3%	46.9%
	Availability of test results	13.9%	26.7%	17.9%	9.7%	24.1%	21.2%	25.4%	23.2%	24.9%	20.2%	30.5%	22.1%
	Availability of relevant patient information at the point of care	20.0%	27.9%	23.8%	35.3%	26.6%	23.2%	31.4%	23.5%	38.7%	30.0%	41.4%	29.3%
	Computer and communications technology that are not compatible with needs	17.7%	18.0%	17.3%	24.2%	29.7%	16.3%	26.7%	20.0%	37.2%	25.2%	25.8%	24.2%
	Lack of evidence-based clinical information	2.5%	3.1%	3.0%	13.4%	3.5%	3.1%	5.8%	2.3%	6.4%	3.3%	6.8%	4.7%
	Lack of appropriate facilities to care for complex/ elderly/ failing patients	26.5%	31.1%	28.1%	67.2%	43.9%	13.0%	41.3%	25.0%	43.6%	40.9%	19.9%	36.2%
	Poor inter-personal communications with family physicians	4.5%	6.8%	6.9%	11.0%	5.1%	5.6%	8.0%	9.6%	11.1%	8.3%	18.3%	8.3%
	Poor inter-personal communications with other specialists	2.2%	6.2%	2.7%	8.4%	6.2%	2.5%	9.2%	10.7%	7.5%	4.1%	13.1%	6.9%
	Poor inter-personal communications with other allied health professionals	2.1%	3.1%	1.9%	5.5%	2.6%	.0%	3.7%	4.0%	.8%	2.9%	5.0%	3.0%
Other impediments	8.4%	8.9%	20.7%	17.1%	5.4%	13.9%	12.2%	14.1%	15.5%	12.7%	12.2%	12.5%	
NR	5.1%	1.8%	1.6%	.0%	2.5%	5.0%	4.5%	1.2%	4.2%	2.1%	1.4%	3.3%	

Notes:

Includes only respondents who provide patient care.

Column totals may exceed 100% as this question allowed for multiple responses.

NR=No Response.

The responding sample (size: n) has been weighted to represent the population (size: N). Further detail available at www.nationalphysiciansurvey.ca.